



STATE OF NEVADA

Department of Conservation & Natural Resources

DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

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Notice of Proposed Action

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The Administrator of the Division of Environmental Protection gives notice that an application for a new Water Pollution Control Permit (WPCP) for the **Ashdown Mine Dewatering Project**, a mine dewatering and disposal facility has been properly filed with the Division of Environmental Protection in Carson City. The applicant for Water Pollution Control Permit **NEV2006101** is:

Golden Phoenix Minerals, Inc.
1675 E. Prater Way, Suite #102
Sparks, Nevada 89434

The facility is located on private and public land in Humboldt County, within Section 14 of Township 45 North, Range 29 East, Mount Diablo Baseline and Meridian, approximately 12 miles south-southwest of Denio, Nevada.

The project consists of underground mine dewatering. Beneficiation is covered under WPCP NEV2005105. The dewatering system is designed to pump 43,200 gallons per day. The facility is comprised of conveyance pipeline, pumps, valves, meters and associated control equipment, a 60,000 gallon storage tank, two rapid infiltration basin cells and associated conveyance pipeline, valves, and associated equipment, piezometer wells, monitoring wells, and perimeter 100-year, 24 hour stormwater diversion system. Facilities are required to be designed, constructed, operated and closed without any discharge or release in excess of those standards established in regulation except for meteorological events which exceed the design storm event.

The Administrator is constrained to either issue the Water Pollution Control Permit or to deny the application. The Administrator has made the tentative decision to issue the permit.

Persons wishing to comment upon the proposed Water Pollution Control Permit, to recommend terms and conditions for consideration of incorporation into the permit, or who request a public hearing pursuant to Nevada Administrative Code, NAC Chapter 445A, must submit their written comments, objections, or requests no later than 5:00 PM on the 30th day following the date of publication of this notice to:

Division of Environmental Protection
Bureau of Mining Regulation and Reclamation
901 South Stewart Street, Suite 4001
Carson City, Nevada 89701-5249

All comments or objections received during the public notice period will be considered in the final determination regarding this Water Pollution Control Permit. If the Division determines written comments or requests indicate a significant degree of public interest in this matter, the

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Administrator shall schedule a public hearing in accordance with the requirements of NAC 445A.405.

The draft Water Pollution Control Permit and all application documents are on file at the Division and are available for public inspection and copying pursuant to NRS 445A.665. For more information, contact Bob Carlson at (775) 687-9401 or visit our website at <http://ndep.nv.gov/bmrr/bmrr01.html>

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